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GROSS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The annual income earned by the Government from agricultural sector during the last three years ;

(b) The percentage out of the above spent on the research and development work in the agricultural sector during each of last three years ;

(c)Whether the various committees on Agricultural Reforms have recommended allocation of one per cent of Gross Domestic Product in Agricultural Sector and Research & Development ; and

(d) If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) : The annual income originating from agriculture sector including forestry, logging and fishing, measured in terms of India`s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices, during the last three years is given below :

Year	GDP at current prices (Rs. in crore)
2003-04	5,34,689
2004-05	5,56,146
2005-06	6,08,681

(b) : The information available from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) shows that the expenditure incurred on research and development in the agricultural sector as a percentage of agricultural GDP during the last three years are as follows: 0.28 percent in 2003-04, 0.31 percent in 2004-05 and 0.33 percent in 2005-06.

(c) : The National Commission on Farmers recommended allocation of 1% of agricultural GDP for research and development. The Tenth Plan Working Group of Department of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE)/Indian Council of Agricultural Research

(ICAR) had recommended an amount of Rs.25000 crore, which constitutes approximately 1% of GDP of agriculture and allied sectors.

(d) : An outlay of Rs.5,368 crore has been allocated to DARE/ICAR that includes Rs.500 crore for new Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country.